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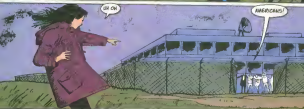
# The Hacker Files



## SHOWDOWN 2.0

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YEA, BACK  
JACKIE, WE'D  
BETTER JAWUP  
ABOUT THIS.



AL, CRYSTINE,  
POCA AND ME?















MEANWHILE,  
I'M GOING TO FINISH  
PULLING THE TEETH OF  
THAT VIRUS.

HACKER, I WAS  
THINKING...

FORGET  
ABOUT IT



MAYBE I AM SOME  
KIND OF RASHED-UP OLD  
DOWNSLAUR, BUT SOMEWHERE  
IN THAT SANG IS THE OPINION  
I WROTE.

NOBODY  
SANG "OPINION"  
ANYMORE.



I DO

AND I'M  
THE ONE GOING  
BY THERE



Never done  
this before.

PHREDDY  
has, of course.

Smarten kid.

I hated when my's BRADIE.

Uhh.

The fu twigs.

Winea.

That I would  
get no LTB.

Marshall



Hello, Sublife. Seeing as how you're just a **COMPUTER** projection, I would have thought you'd take a couple of **CHINS**.

I'm **NOT** Walter Sublife. I was merely programmed in his **IMAGE**. But then you **KNOW** that.



You've got **NERVE** logging on under your own **NAME**.

I'm **RESPONSIBLE** for you. At least a little. So get up to **ME** to shut you down.

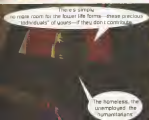


I created the **Dialtronix** to take power **AWAY** from big corporations and give it to the **INDIVIDUAL**.



You **naïve**.

The day of the individual is **OVER**. The **CORPORATION** is now the dominant life-form on the planet.



There's simply no more room for the lesser life forms—these precious "individuals" of yours—if they don't contribute.

The homeless, the unemployed, the "humanitarians".



They'll soon be **EXTINCT**.

Corporations have made this environment **TOXIC**. Only corporations can **PROTECT** them.

And we no longer **CHOOSE** to.











It's a little something of  
my OWN. You LIKE it?

In fact it's hardwired into  
EVERY Dystonia machine.

I used to be  
a little OBSESSED about  
this game. I wanted to be sure I  
could play it whenever I want.













...but  
it's OVER

BOOW



I win



Not... exactly

What the hell  
is THAT supposed  
to mean?



There's a million  
ways to END the game  
by losing... but NONE to  
end it by WINNING!

And since you  
CAN'T lose...

you're going to be  
here a LONG time



SO YOU CAN  
PROMISE ME NO ARSON,  
TUMPT AND DEDITION.  
STAY, MARSHALL?



WE MIGHT INTER-  
FERE-- EXCEPT WE WOULD  
NEED SOMEONE WE TRUST  
INSIDE THE COMPANY.

AS LONG  
AS IT'S NOT  
MARSHALL.

I DON'T  
TRUST MARSHALL.  
I WAS THINKING MORE  
OF YOSHINO.



CARE, WHY NOT?  
THE CONNECTIONS  
THEY'VE MADE ARE GOOD.  
I CAN MAKE SURE THEY  
STAY THAT WAY.



YOU WILL, OF COURSE.  
MODIFY YOUR HARDWARE  
DESIGN TO REMOVE THE SUR-  
VEILLANCE CAPABILITY.

OF COURSE.



WHICH LEAVES  
ONLY THE QUESTION  
OF THE A.I.

IT'S TAKEN  
CARE OF.



NO DAMAGE TO THE  
SOFTWARE, BUT IT'S OUT  
OF CONNECTION.

TELL ME YOU'RE  
NOT MAKING A DEAL  
WITH THESE DOGS.

IT'S NOT  
YOUR CASE,  
MARSHALL.





